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Gentlemen;

I derive many hours of enjoyment building and flying radio controlled model airplanes and have done so for the last 25 years. I am very concerned about PR Docket 92-235 currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 to 76MHz band. This band is primarily used for private, land and mobile dispatch operations. Our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrow band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio-control frequencies and cause interference to radio-controlled operations. I am told that, of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to ensure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio-control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested, and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

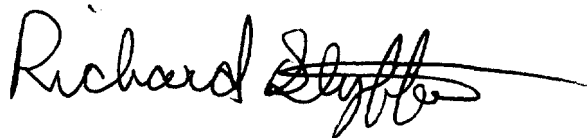
Please understand that many model airplanes have wingspans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build, but -more to the point- they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference caused the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies to ensure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we

considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like me and contributes to the advancement of commercial aviation industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 to 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Styffe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Styffe